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11. Econoff discussed reftel with MFA Legal Affairs Law of the Sea officer Frederic Lepez August 29, following earlier inquiry with MOT Maritime Affairs International Affairs Office Director Daniel Silvestre. Neither was aware of any GOF position on accession to ReCAAP, but said they would make further enquiries to establish where France stood on the issue.

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